

Mokena Community Park District / Manhattan Park District Youth Recreational Soccer League Rules (MMYSL) - Grades 1-8

Player Equipment

- All players are required to wear shin guards under their socks during all practices and games. Soccer cleats are recommended, though any closed toed sneakers are acceptable. Metal spikes and toe cleats are not acceptable.
- Goalies are required to wear a different color uniform to differentiate them from field players. Goalie gloves are optional.
- Absolutely no jewelry is allowed. This includes earrings, piercings, rings, bracelets, wristbands, barrettes, necklaces, metal hair clips, large protruding hair clips, or any item coaches or officials feel could cause injury to other players. We do not allow taping over jewelry. All jewelry must be removed before practices and games.
- In colder conditions, we allow sweatshirts and pants to be worn under a player's uniform. Hoods must be tucked into the back of the player's uniform.

General Rules for all Levels

- All rules are subject to change based on the league's discretion. Any rules not stated will defer to FIFA rules.
- Each team must have at least 1 coach or team representative present for a game to be played.
- Player benches should be on the opposite side of the field as spectators. Each team should stay on their designated side of the mid-field line.
- All players must play at least half (2 quarters) of each game. No player may play 4 quarters unless every other player has played 3 quarters. All players are expected to be rotated through each position.
- 2 full quarters constitute a complete game. Halftime is 5 minutes long. Forfeit time will be 10 minutes after the scheduled game time.
- Regular season games will end in a tie after full-time. Playoff games will play one – 10 minute 'golden goal' OT period, followed by 5 player/team PKs, if necessary.
 - Teams may change goalies prior to the start of PKs but must use the same goalie for all PKs.
- Substitutions should be kept to natural stoppages in play and after notifying the official. No 'sub on the fly'. The number of substitutions is unlimited per game.
- The visiting team will start the opening kickoff.
- There is no 'purposeful' heading or slide-tackling allowed in any division.
- Referees will be present to keep score, call fouls, and institute the 3/5 scoring rule when needed.
 - 3/5 Scoring Rule: If one team goes up by 3+ goals, the losing team must add 1 additional player to the game. If the leading team goes up by 5+ goals, the losing team must add a 2nd additional player to the field. As the losing team brings the score back under 5 and 3 goals, the additional players are removed from the field.
- Tiebreakers in the league standings will be determined by the results of head-to-head competition between the tied teams.
 - If tied teams played each other more than once, results of the 1st match will be used to determine the tiebreaker.
 - If 1 match ended in a tie, the team with the least number of goals allowed during the season will be awarded the higher seed.
- Timeouts – Each team will be allowed 2 – 1-minute timeouts per half, and 1 extra timeout in OT periods. Unused timeouts do not carry over between halves or OT.

Division Guidelines

Grade 1/2

Ball Size: 4 Players: 6 v 6 + goalie Duration: 4 x 10-minutes

There is no offside. There are no penalty kicks.

All fouls result in an indirect free kick.

All other FIFA rules apply.

Grade 3/4

Ball Size: 4 Players: 6 v 6 + goalie Duration: 4 x 10-minutes

Offsides rules apply. There are penalty kicks awarded for fouls in the box.

All other FIFA rules apply. All other fouls result in Freekicks

Grade 5/6-7/8

Ball Size: 5 Players: 6 v 6 + goalie Duration: 4 x 12-minutes

Offsides rules apply. There are penalty kicks awarded for fouls in the box.

All other FIFA rules apply. All other fouls result in Freekicks

Referees

- Referees will be provided for all league games. His/her authority extends from the time they enter the field of play until the referee has left the area of play after the game.
- Referees are responsible for keeping time, calling fouls, and keeping score.
- Club linesmen may be used at the discretion of the referee and are only to be used to judge balls out of play.
- **ABUSE OF OFFICIALS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED** by anyone in attendance.

Cancelation of Matches

- The Park District is responsible for checking and determining availability of field conditions.
- Game-time decisions due to current/approaching weather is the responsibility of coaches and officials. Coaches should notify respective Athletic Coordinator's when game-time cancelations occur.
- Canceled/postponed games will be made up on a designated open day in the schedule.